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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #12 (SO12)

(Conflict Reduced in Mindanao and Other Areas Vulnerable to Violence)



LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM: Labeled as the country's food basket, Mindanao continues to cultivate its rich agricultural resources supplying food requisites to Metro Manila and other provinces in the archipelago. Cognizant of this fact, the Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corp. (QUEDANCOR) is constantly establishing additional offices and satellite units within the area to ensure that the necessary financial assistance is extended to a wider range of clientele engaged in various agri-fishery projects. Recently, the corporation inaugurated its satellite office in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi to cater the credit requirements of farmer and fisherfolk within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) vicinity. Photo shows QUEDANCOR president and CEO Nelson C. Buenaflor (fifth from right) awarding QUEDANCOR fishery beneficiary Ganda Jaani a check worth P100,000. Looking on are (from left): QUEDANCOR Region IX assistant vice-president Karl Vladimir C. Arbon, QUEDANCOR Mindanao Composite Office vice-president Joselo P. Biton, Tawi-Tawi Governor Sadikul Sahali, USAID representative Christian Widman and ARMM/Mindanao Business Council chairman Tony Santos.

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